

The following is a complete listing of all claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

**Listing of claims:**

- 1           1. (currently amended) An orthopedic aid which is used by a patient for  
2           walking and which provides a supporting function for the human body and a  
3           safety function for operation of the supporting function, comprising:  
4                       two parts which are movable relative to one another;  
5                       a locking device for locking the two parts in an extended position so  
6           that a movement of the two parts relative to one another is blocked during  
7           standing and walking and for manually unlocking the two parts to permit  
8           movement of the two parts with respect to one another in a rest position,  
9           wherein said locking device is operable by a user of the orthopedic aid, the  
10          user being able to notice from observation of behavior of the orthopedic aid  
11          whether the locking device is locked or unlocked;  
12                       means for automatically detecting locking or unlocking of said locking  
13          device; and  
14                       a signaling arrangement which emits a signal, responsive to said  
15          means for automatically detecting, for alerting ~~a~~ the user of the orthopedic aid  
16          to a locking state or upon unlocking of the locking device, thereby confirming  
17          said observation or alerting the user when said observation is incorrect.
- 1           2. (canceled)
- 1           3. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
2           the signaling arrangement emits a signal upon unlocking.

1       4. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
2       said signaling arrangement provides a signal which is visual, acoustic, tactile  
3       and/or mechanical.

1       5. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
2       said means for detecting includes a detection arrangement designed to  
3       generate the signal electrically as a function of the locking state.

1       6. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
2       the locking device has a movable locking pin whose position is detected by  
3       the means for detecting.

1       7. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
2       the locking device is actuated electromechanically to permit unlocking.

1       8. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 6, wherein  
2       the movable locking pin is arranged such that it can be drawn into a magnet  
3       coil to permit unlocking.

1       9. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 6, wherein  
2       the detection arrangement is designed for electrical scanning of a position of  
3       the locking pin.

1       10. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1 further  
2       comprising an electromagnetic actuating arrangement with a low actuating  
3       force of not more than 2 N, wherein the locking device, when in the extended  
4       position, has a slight play, allowing a freedom of movement of the locking  
5       mechanism in the loading pertaining to the extended position, whereas, in the  
6       event of a load exerting a turning moment on the locking device, the locking

0108-354 US-1  
Amendment dated 03/25/2011

10/798,845

03100199aa

7 device cannot be unlocked by the actuating arrangement on account of  
8 frictional forces.

1 11. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
2 the locking device is actuated by wireless transmission of an actuating signal.

3 12. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 11,  
4 wherein an actuating signal for wireless transmission of a command signal is  
5 triggered on a handgrip of a walking aid.

1 13. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 11,  
2 wherein the signal of the signaling arrangement is sent by wireless  
3 transmission to a walking aid.

1 14. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 13,  
2 wherein the walking aid has a visual and/or acoustic signal display  
3 arrangement.

1 15. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 13,  
2 wherein a handgrip of the walking aid is provided with a vibrator that can be  
3 actuated by the signal of the signaling arrangement.